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## **CORNEL HOLDER APPOINTED DNSC ADMINISTRATOR**

Fort Belvoir, VA - The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) announced today the appointment of Cornel A. Holder as Administrator of the Defense National Stockpile Center (DNSC). Holder replaces Richard J. Connelly, who now serves as Director, DLA Support Services. In a realignment of function within DLA, Connelly will continue to provide leadership support through policy and oversight within the DLA headquarters organization.

Holder served as Deputy DNSC Administrator from September 2000 until his appointment as Administrator. In his new capacity, he will be responsible for managing the National Defense Stockpile, (NDS) a program created after World War II to reduce U.S. dependence on foreign sources for strategic and critical materials during national emergencies.

Holder began his federal career as an undergraduate cooperative education student and joined the General Services Administration (GSA) upon graduation in 1978. From 1978 to 1984, he held progressively more responsible positions in GSA's real estate and contracting offices. Holder's service with the National Defense Stockpile program began in 1984, four years before the Stockpile was transferred from GSA to the Department of Defense. From 1996 to 2000, Holder headed DNSC's contracting group, directing and coordinating a billion dollar activity level for the acquisition and disposal of strategic and critical stockpile materials in the global commodity marketplace.

Holder holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Wilberforce University in Wilberforce, Ohio.

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